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**HELP COMMITTEE TO HOLD HEARING ON ACCESS TO CARE AND SUPPORT FOR
DISABLED AND ELDERLY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. –Tomorrow, Tuesday, July 10th, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing on the need for change in the accessibility to long-term services and support to the disabled and elderly.

The hearing will focus on how to help adults with severe functional impairments obtain the services and supports they need to stay functional and independent, while providing them with choices about community participation, education and employment.

Chairman Kennedy, along with Congressmen Dingell and Pallone, will also introduce the Community Living Services and Supports (CLASS) Act, which will create a new insurance program to help more than 10 million individuals who develop severe functional impairments remain independent.

WHO: Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Andrew Imparato, CEO of American Association of People with Disabilities
Glenda Faatoafe, personal care attendant (SEIU)
Deborah Felming, PhD, University of Wyoming
Susan Daniels, PhD
Monica Herring, mother of disabled adolescent
Shawn Griffin, rural service provider

WHAT: Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee
Hearing

WHERE: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 106

WHEN: 10:00am, tomorrow, Tuesday, July 10th

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